

BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Carvel State Office Building
820 N French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING JANUARY 11, 2005`

Members Present:

Mr. Sterling, Mr. Lanouette, Mr. Krzyzanowski, Ms. Parks, Mr. Baker, Ms. Whittington, Mrs. Dudlek

Mrs. Manlove, Administrative Director
Mr. Sholl, Deputy Administrative Director
Mrs. Rodgers

1. In the absence of Mr. Foraker, President, and Mr. Austin, Secretary, Mr. Sterling nominated Mr. Baker to be Acting President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dudlek and passed unanimously. Mr. Baker then called the meeting to order. Roll call was recorded.
2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 7 were accepted as presented.
3. Mrs. Manlove reviewed the Financial Report for the previous month which reflected most of the expenses from the General Election
4. Corrections to voter records:
 - Mrs. Whittington moved that the 154 names on the "Moved from State" list dated January 11, 2005, be removed from the voter rolls. Mr. Sterling seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - Ms. Parks moved that the 676 names identified by the Commissioner's Program be removed from the voter rolls. Mr. Lanouette seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - Mrs. Dudlek moved that 3 names be removed from the voter records as personally requested. Ms. Parks seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Sterling moved that the 12 requested birthdate changes be made. Mrs. Whittington seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
5. Mrs. Manlove reviewed the slight decrease in Voter Registration figures as well as the voters on the Deceased List who were removed from the rolls.
6. Mrs. Manlove reviewed the upcoming elections: DE Correctional Officers Assn., Middletown, possible UAW, Odessa, Delaware City, New Castle, Newark, Elsmere, Townsend, and School Board Elections.
7. Mrs. Manlove had nothing new to report on voting machine upgrade.
8. The Department is preparing the State's response to the EAC Survey on Military and Overseas Voters. Mr. Sholl is participating in the Election Center's 2004 Election Task Force. The second meeting is in February.

9. Mrs. Manlove shared information regarding updating records following the 2004 Election. To date, 2,081 records have been entered into partial registration and another 1,000 records are expected to be entered

10. Mrs. Manlove and Mr. Sholl discussed with the Board some issues and ideas that they will be discussing for the future:

- Department's Telephone System
- Voter ID requirements
- Voter confusion over Polling Places
- Counting Absentee Ballots at Polling Places.
- Districting errors.
- Need more voting machines
- Too many court orders
- More robust funding for General and Primary Elections
- Automatic Recount – standards and process
- Polling Place signage
- Polling Place management
- Laptops with Voter Registration and Polling Place lookup capabilities
- Polling place cards mailed before each General Election
- Training – how we do it, etc.
- Operating Procedures
- Accessible Polling Places
- Data collection for surveys

11. Mrs. Manlove discussed with the Board legislation that is expected this session including:

- Special Elections in New Castle County
- Central Count Absentee System
- Time Change for School Referenda
- Housekeeping Bill – nomination, voter registration, absentee voting

12. Mrs. Manlove discussed the FY2006 Budget. We are waiting for the Governor's Recommended Budget to be released. Our JFC Hearing is February 17 at 11:30 a.m.

13. Mr. Sterling moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lanouette seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Rodgers
Elections Office Manager